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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 12 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2); Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9): and Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or room S-3520D.

Monday, 14 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [117]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.24

2. Programme planning [114]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.18

3. Human resources management [119]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.26

4. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   (a) Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.25

   (b) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

   Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

   (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2); Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9); and Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

All outstanding issues

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Contingency Fund consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

2. Recosting

* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the Council, on implementation of resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Resumed 1998 session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	678th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Opening of the resumed 1998 session of the Committee
2. Election of officers [1]
3. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	679th meeting	Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27)

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Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be held by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 3 p.m., Thursday, 17 December, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, 18 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All meetings will be held in Conference Room 8.

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be available for pick-up by interested delegations on Monday, 14 December 1998, after 3 p.m., in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 14 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission on Sustainable Development: consumer protection guidelines for sustainable development)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP:
SECOND COMMITTEE EXPERTS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND
THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON
THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the group of interested States established in pursuance of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C. The meeting will hear briefings on the "Training for trainers" seminar held in Yaoundé (27-31 July 1998), the workshop on "Weapons collection and integration of former combatants in Central America" held in Guatemala (18-20 November 1998) and the implementation of the Pilot Project on Weapons Collection in Albania. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) will be held on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 4.10 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 91st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606 and Add. 5) [91]:

   (a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.1)

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.2)

   (c) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.3)

   (d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.4)

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/607) [92]

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608) [93]:

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.1)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.2)

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.3)

   (d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.4)

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.5)

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.6)

   (g) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.7)

4. Environment and sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609 and Add.6) [94]:

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.1)

   (b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.2)

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.3)

   (d) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.4)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.5)

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/610) [95]

6. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/53/611) [96]

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/53/612) [97]

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006): report of the Second Committee (A/53/613) [98]

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/53/605) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

Informal consultations will take place, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on Tuesday, 15 December 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 16 December, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Informal meeting

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

87th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, Mozambique, Monaco, Iceland, Botswana, Tunisia, Mongolia and Singapore; Her Excellency Ms. María Lorenzo Alcala, Under-Secretary for Human Rights of Argentina; the representatives of Brazil, Croatia and Nigeria; His Excellency Mr. Ramón Jiménez Carbo, Attorney General of Ecuador; the representative of Chile; His Excellency M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand; the representatives of Colombia, Peru, China and Romania; His Excellency Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice of Lithuania; the representatives of Malta and Costa Rica; His Excellency Ch. Abdul Ghafoor, Federal Minister of Pakistan; the representative of Uganda; and His Excellency Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Interior of Venezuela.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

88th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Liechtenstein, Bangladesh, India, Egypt, Belarus, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United Arab Emirates, El Salvador, Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Uruguay, Lebanon and Burkina Faso; His Excellency Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland; the representative of Germany; His Excellency Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; the representatives of Viet Nam, Turkey, Côte d'Ivoire and the Republic of Korea.

Friday, 11 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3953rd meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/36).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

89th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Georgia, Mauritania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, South Africa, Israel, Malaysia, Namibia, Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Czech Republic, Myanmar, Hungary, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Solomon Islands, Bahrain, Cameroon, Armenia, Latvia, Samoa, Haiti, Qatar, Honduras, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Fiji, the United Republic of Tanzania, Liberia, Lesotho, the Niger, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

90th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: draft decision (A/53/L.71) [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, Jamaica, Maldives, Azerbaijan, Panama and Mali.

In connection with draft decision A/53/L.71, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/53/L.71.

Statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Morocco, Mauritius, the Sudan, Ethiopia, Swaziland, Kuwait, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Iraq, Afghanistan and Slovakia.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, statements were made by the observers of Switzerland and the Holy See.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

The Vice-President declared concluded the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 46 (a).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

The Secretary-General will unveil a marble plaque commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, donated by the Association of Former International Civil Servants (New York), on Thursday, 17 December 1998 at 12 noon at the Roosevelt corner of the United Nations garden. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Autriche
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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